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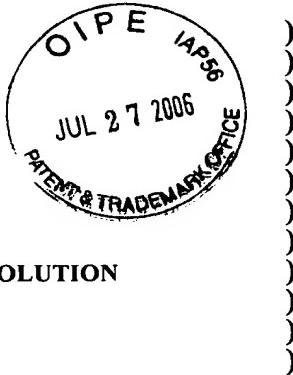
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on March 29, 2006, the period of response to which is set to expire on July 29, 2006, with the payment of the appropriate government extension fee for one month. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows: